

APPLY THE SKILLS

from The Autobiography • from Poor Richard's Almanack

1. **Generalize:** In what ways can analyzing one's own behavior contribute to personal growth?

2. **Literary Analysis:** Franklin's **autobiography** shows that he wants to improve his moral virtues. What does this goal tell you about the time period in which he lived?

3. **Literary Analysis:** Connect an **aphorism** from *Poor Richard's Almanack* to a virtue listed in *The Autobiography*. Explain the connection you make. Use this chart to record your response.



4. **Reading Strategy:** In *The Autobiography*, Franklin keeps track of how much he improves his moral virtues. He explains that he had to adjust his record-keeping system as his plan moved forward. What **conclusion** can you draw about his character based on these adjustments?
